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Grade 4 Reading Performance/Achievement Descriptors

Advanced	<p>Students at this level demonstrate a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of rigorous subject matter and provide sophisticated solutions to complex problems.</p> <p>Using grade level text or above, the student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use advanced reading vocabulary• Understand main idea and support with details• Use prior knowledge to make meaning of text• Read a variety of materials• Understand personification, figurative language, and literary devices• Distinguish fact from opinion• Make inferences• Identify author's purpose• Read and interpret maps and charts• Interpret and respond to text• Analyze, organize, and synthesize information• Critically evaluate text• Read maps and diagrams• Use resource materials• Describe reading successes and set reading goals
Proficient	<p>Students at this level demonstrate a solid understanding of challenging subject matter and solve a wide variety of problems.</p> <p>Using grade level text, the student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use appropriate reading vocabulary• Understand personification, figurative language, and literary devices• Distinguish fact from opinion• Make inferences• Identify author's purpose• Analyze and organize information• Interpret and respond to text• Compare and contrast• Reread to find information• Understand main idea and support with details• Use prior knowledge to make meaning of text• Read a variety of materials• Read maps and diagrams• Use resource materials• Justify predictions• Describe reading successes and set reading goals

Nearing Proficiency	<p>Students at this level demonstrate a partial understanding of subject matter and solve some simple problems.</p> <p>Using grade level text or near-grade level text, the student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes use vocabulary approaching grade level • Recall what was read • Demonstrate some ability to summarize • Begin to use context to gain understanding • Understand main idea • Identify supporting details • Understand word parts (prefixes) • Make predictions and draw conclusions • Follow directions • Sometimes describe reading successes and set reading goals
Novice	<p>Students at this level demonstrate a minimal understanding of subject matter and do not solve simple problems.</p> <p>Using near-grade level text, the student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use below grade level vocabulary • Use prior knowledge to answer questions • Sometimes summarize main idea • Identify some details • Make comparisons • Identify subheadings • Make simple inferences • Rarely describe reading successes and set reading goals